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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: ) Examiner: Theodore Stigell  
Philip E. Eggers et al. )  
Application Serial No.: 10/627,313 ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
Filing Date: July 24, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 1924  
For: SYSTEM FOR ELECTROSURGICAL )  
TISSUE CONTRACTION ) **RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT**  
 ) **AMENDMENT**  
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**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2007. The Examiner points out that Applicants did not respond to the double patenting rejections made in the office action mailed March 26, 2007. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case in light of the remarks set forth below.